

AXLE HOUSING WITH SUSPENSION FLANGE

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A suspension mount includes a flange formed directly into an axle housing. The axle housing includes a pair of housing halves that are attached to each other along a seam weld. Each housing half includes at least one transversely extending flange. Prior to welding, the flanges from the upper and lower housing halves are aligned with each other to define the suspension mount. The suspension is then attached to the axle housing at the flanges with fasteners or by welding.

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